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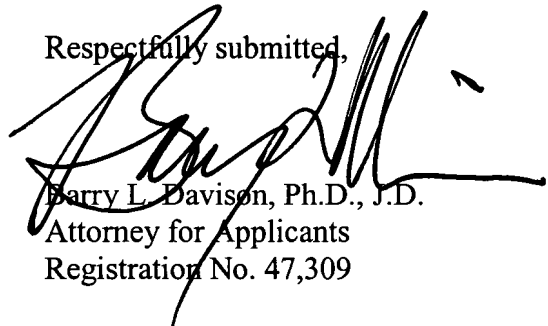
Claims 1-23 have been subjected to restriction by the Examiner into Groups I and II:

Group I, encompassing claims 1-8, 22-21 and 23, drawn to methods for treating a damaged ciliated epithelial structure, comprising topical administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising vitamin A, whereby treating of the damaged ciliated epithelial structure is, at least in part, achieved; and

Group II, encompassing claims 9, 10 and 22, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition for topically treating a damaged ciliated epithelial structure, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of vitamin A and at least one of a pharmaceutically acceptable dilute, excipient, for vehicle, to be administered topically to damaged ciliated epithelial structures.

Applicants herein elect Group I encompassing claims 1-8, 22-21 and 23, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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